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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (original) A method for playout of packetized speech, comprising:
   (a) deferring truncation of an active frame; and
   (b) truncating a silence frame.

Claim 2 (original) The method of claim 1, wherein:
   (a) said packetized speech includes CELP-encoded frames; and
   (b) said truncating a silence frame includes truncating an excitation for said silence frame.

Claim 3 (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
   (a) expanding an active frame according to a voicing classification for said active frame.

Claim 4 (original) A method of frame playout expansion, comprising:
   (a) classifying a frame as voiced or not; and
   (b) expanding a voiced frame by a multiple of the pitch of said voiced frame.

Claim 5 (original) The method of claim 4, wherein:
   (a) said frames are CELP-encoded frames; and
   (b) said expanding a voiced frame includes expanding an excitation for said voiced frame by a multiple of the pitch of said voiced frame..

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Claim 6 (original) The method of claim 4, wherein:

(a) said classifying a frame of step (a) classifies an active frame as one of (i) voiced, (ii) unvoiced, or (iii) transition; and

(b) expanding an unvoiced frame includes expanding an excitation for said unvoiced frame with a random fixed-codebook vector.

Claim 7 (original) A receiver, comprising:

(a) an input for receiving CELP-encoded frames;

(b) a decoder coupled to said input; and

(c) a playout scheduler coupled to said input;

(d) said decoder operable to provide expansion of a voiced frame in response to said playout scheduler, wherein said expansion is a multiple of the pitch for said voiced frame.

Claim 8 (original) The receiver of claim 7, wherein:

(a) said decoder operable to provide truncation of a frame in response to said playout scheduler only when said frame is a silence frame.

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